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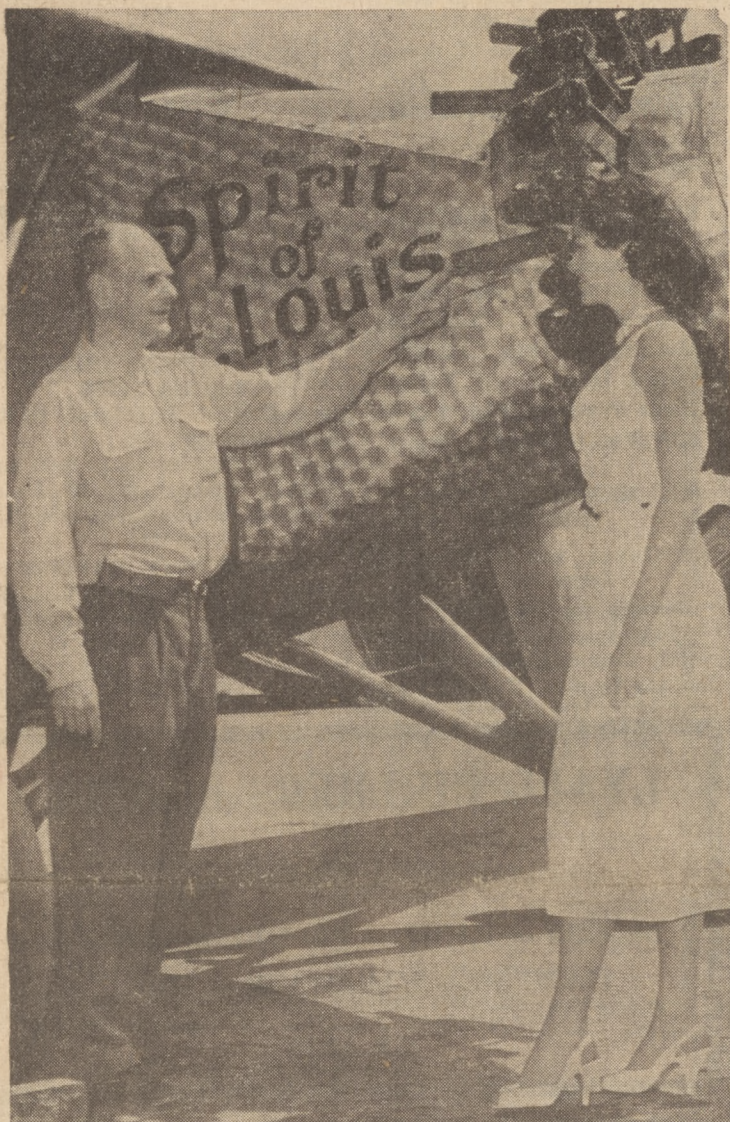
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"LUCKY SEVEN" Air Race Queen, Sharan Starns, Southern California beauty, is acquiring first hand knowledge of aviation. Emery Stromberg, Exchange Club District Governor and General Chairman of the race is explaining interesting features about the "Spirit of St. Louis" replica constructed by Paul Mantz Air Services for the recently released Warner Brothers movie "The Spirit of St. Louis".

The "Lucky Seven" air race, from Torrance to Las Vegas and return, will take place Saturday and Sunday, July 13th and 14th, 1957. Approximately thirty race planes will arrive at Yucca Valley Airport between 8:30 and 10:30 Saturday Morning, July 13.

Frank Palm Photo

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

The newspaper committee of the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce take this occasion to express our appreciation for the support we have received in initiating the Desert Star.

As we have said before, the paper was started with the one idea in mind of demonstrating that a newspaper could be successful in this area at the present time and, thanks to the co-operation we have received from our business interests and

LEGION TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Post and Auxiliary, American Legion, will be held July 2. The meeting will be preceded by the usual pot luck dinner at 6:30. All members and their friends are cordially invited.

These new officers are really a'rarin, so you can't afford to miss any of the meetings. Everyone turn out and let's have a packed house to start them on their year.

the public at large, we have succeeded sooner than was anticipated.

The Desert Star has been printed by the Desert Hot Springs paper, the Desert Sentinel, and Mr. Larsen, of that publication, has rendered untold assistance to us in getting started.

It is indeed fitting that he and his newly acquired partner, Mr. Harry Schultz, should be the ones to take it from here. Both are comparatively young men with a large fund of country newspaper experience, love of the desert, and have their own fully equipped printing establishment close at hand.

With their experience and your continued co-operation we venture to predict that within a very short time the Desert Star will become the leading weekly of the High Desert area. "Mission Accomplished".

Thank you again.

Experienced Publishers Purchase Desert Star

Announcement was made this week of the sale of The Desert Star newspaper by the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce. The new owners are Walker J. Larsen and Harry D. Schultz, who were screened and oked by the chamber at large and specifically by the publication committee.

Manager C. H. Jacobs said "We started the newspaper in the first place because Yucca Valley wanted and needed its own newspaper. It has reached the point now where we were able to interest professional newspapermen in taking over and giving us a first class publication. We feel Larsen and Schultz are eminently qualified and we're very lucky to attract men of such experience.

Larsen is co-publisher of the Desert Hot Springs Sentinel and has been printing the Yucca Valley paper since its start. Larsen is a former co-publisher of the Yucaipa News-Mirror. He and wife Donalda have four children, all girls. Larsen is a graduate of USC School of Journalism and has been in publication work for 8 years.

Schultz is Larsen's new partner on the Desert Hot Springs Sentinel, has previously published one daily and nine weekly newspapers in California (in Palm Springs, Big Bear, Lake Arrowhead, Crestline, North Hollywood, Mentone, Highland, Muscoy, and East San Bernardino.) He is president of the San Bernardino County Newspaper Publishers Association, is president of a merchant association in San Bernardino, has been appointed to one county-wide and one state-wide committee by Assemblyman Jack Beaver. Harry and Ollie Schultz have a nine-year-old son, Timothy.

The unusual aspect of the team of Larsen & Schultz is that they are both ex-service-men of World War II and their wives are both ex-Waves, thus making it what is believed to be the only newspaper partnership in the nation with both

Well Known Local Couple Married

Mr. E. A. Hammett of Yucca Valley and Mrs. Leona Beall of Joshua Tree were united in marriage at Palm Springs, California on June 17, at 7:30 in the evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. James Blackstone of the Community Church with Mrs. Genevieve Manley, C. S. of Palm Springs, attending the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammett left June 23, on a wedding trip to Fort Wayne and Rome City, Indiana. They have the best wishes of a host of friends throughout the valley.

men and wives as veterans.

The new ownership takes over on July 1, 1957 and the new publishers indicated they would strive "to make the Desert Star a home-town paper for the people of Yucca Valley. Larsen and Schultz said, "We think the chamber has done a wonderful job. The support of local businessmen plainly indicates the people are behind this project and we certainly intend to make of it the kind of newspaper you want, for the entertainment and benefit of everybody.

Deadline for news and advertising will remain at Monday noon, at least temporarily. The deadline will be strictly adhered to. News and advertising

can be left with Mrs. Ware at Al Peters Real estate office in Yucca Valley, or mailed to the printing plant. Address mail: Desert Star, Box 338, Desert Hot Springs. Yucca Valley area news is welcome and letters to the editor are invited.

Only paid subscribers will receive the paper following the July 3 issue, so local citizens are urged by the chamber and local businessmen to get their subscriptions in at once so the community is supporting its newspaper fully, and to assure complete readership. Subscriptions should be mailed to the Desert Star, Box 338, Desert Hot Springs, \$2.00 a year.

The new publishers will offer complete job printing facilities also.

Yucca Valley to Have M.D.'s, Clinic

We are informed by Mr. John Martell that his building on 29 Palms Highway has been leased by three M.D.'s who will open an office and clinic there on or about July 1.

They will also maintain offices in 29 Palms and Palm Springs, dividing their time as conditions require. Dr. Kincy is presently practicing in 29 Palms. Dr. Walls is a surgeon, recently out of the armed services. The name of the other doctor we were unable to obtain in the time available as we go to press, but he is also a service man.

The Chamber of Commerce

has been working on the M.D. project for some time, but the credit for this solution will have to go to the Hi-Desert Country Club, where the details were worked out on the greens. How about trying the same tactics for a bank?

TOASTMISTRESS CLUB

Decoration plans for the coming installation ceremony of 1957-58 officers were disclosed yesterday at the regular meeting of Oro Y Azul Toastmistress Club held at the P&E Cafe, in Joshua Tree.

Mrs. Wm. Amrine, chairman of the special committee for the occasion to assist Mrs. Robert Potter, club hostess chairman, also named Ethel Stine as Toastmistress, and Betty Ehrismann, club speaker, for the event to be held June 25, at Callahan's Restaurant in Yucca Valley.

Assisting on the committee are Mrs. W. Asbury, and Mrs. R. F. Smith. Guests attending the meeting were Mrs. H. C. Hollinger and Miss Jessie Rae Taylor, of Joshua Tree.

In charge of the meeting was Mrs. Wm. Amrine, vice president in the absence of Mrs. J. S. Horn, president, on account of illness.

ADVERTISING ACCOUNTS

payable to the Desert Star Newspaper, up to and including this issue, are due and are payable to the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce Newspaper. We will call upon you in the near future and will appreciate your prompt co-operation.

JOSHUA TREE

C of C Elects

The election meeting, June 20, at Joshua Tree Community Hall resulted in the following officers assuming responsibility for the Chamber of Commerce for the ensuing year — president, Paul Thefford; vice president, Wally Pleuger; secretary, Mrs. Rose Crescent; treasurer, Mrs. Eunice Sewell. Three new board members are Ray Bartlett, Ed Corbell, and Wally Pleuger.

Women's Club at Arrowhead

The District Summer Conference held at Lake Arrowhead Wednesday, June 26 was attended by a delegation from Joshua Tree Federated Women's Club, consisting of Mrs. Henrietta Pepper, president; Mrs. Jessie Rae Taylor, vice president; Mrs. Nancy Kuschke, secretary; Mrs. Herbert Brown, Mrs. Gray Krumcke, Mrs. Gladys Longshaw, Mrs. Charles Magee, Mrs. Katharine Shatuck.

Mrs. Pepper has announced beautification of Joshua Tree, initiation of a garden club, and staging of a fashion show as projects for the coming year.

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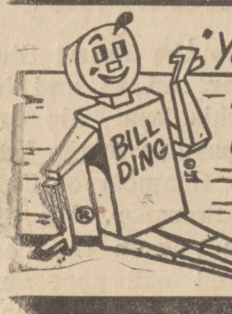
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A special meeting, of Yucca Valley Post 469, 25th District, Dept. of California, American Legion and Unit 469, friendly 25th District, Dept. of California, American Legion Auxiliary, was held to determine in what way the Post and Auxiliary would celebrate the 4th of July. First of all, the Legion Flag will fly, with yours? It was decided a breakfast would be served from 7 to 11, and the hall will be open all day and evening. Music will be available for those that want to dance on the patio. Card tables will be set up for those that like cards. The dance and social are open to the public. Refreshments will be available. Louis

Marshall, 2nd Vice Commander, will preside at the bar.

Tickets for the Ham and Egg Breakfast are available to the public and can be obtained from Harold Brown, Louis Marshall, C. V. Derden and Frank Edes.

The new officers of the post are going all out this year to put the post out in front. Most of them will be around to serve you at the breakfast along with their auxiliary members. Commander Brown says he hopes they get a good work-out.

This will be the same kind of breakfast as the one served some time ago, which everyone enjoyed. See you between 7 and 11, the 4th of July. Get your tickets now.

Birthday for Community Club

By DR. H. J. REED

The Executive Board of the Yucca Valley Community Service Club is sponsoring a birthday party for our members—past, present, and future—on the club's Eleventh Birthday.

We wish, at this time, to cordially invite you and your guests to attend this gala occasion. It will be Wednesday, July 24, 1957 at the Yucca Valley Community Hall, starting at 8 p.m. and lasting until you desire to leave. We will have dining, dancing, and entertainment the entire evening.

This party is being presented to show our appreciation for your expended time, diligent work, and efficacious guidance in the past. There will be no admission, cover, or minimum

charge. If a donation is offered, it will be graciously received by the Executive Board and will be used for another birthday party next year.

We would appreciate your marking a post card with your intention to be present or not and with the number of guests you plan to bring, so that we may have an ample supply of food and refreshments on hand. We sincerely hope you can attend and help us put this, the first we have had, party over with a bang. We would appreciate receiving your intention not later than July 10, 1957.

AUXILIARY INITIATES

By Dorothy Smith

Mrs. Alma Jane Baker, of Yucca Valley, was initiated into the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Joshua Tree Post 7264, at the meeting held in the Joshua Tree Community Hall on Monday, June 17.

Mrs. Baker was given the obligation by Mrs. Emma Good-nall, chaplain pro tem.

This auxiliary was instituted on April 15 and welcomes new members. Anyone interested in joining is advised to contact the membership chairman, Mrs. Inez McCormick, in Joshua Tree.

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Mrs. Rose Johnson is the new pastor of the Pioneertown Community Church and extends a hearty welcome to all. Sunday services at 11 a.m.

Three Cheers for our "Young-

ster", the Desert Star. We've "SOLD" Yucca Valley to a Maryland business man! Mrs. Johnson's brother is a regular subscriber and reader, and has put his business in Harve de Grace up for sale, with the in-

tention of moving here.

They did it again! Susan and Sharon Livingston, riding for the Red Dog at the Beaumont Cherry Festival took second and third prizes.

The Red Dog announces that "Brownie" will show his pictures of the Grubstake Days Parade, next Saturday night. Everybody welcome.

Moviedom's Pecos Kid and Big Chief White Cloud prowled this part of the desert—with an eye for a business.

Jackie and Doc, "Honorary Mayor" Schraeder visited their many friends over the weekend.

Lil Thompson really went galavanting last week. Visiting her daughter, Grace Brown in Palm Springs; daughter Alice Cresswell, former Pioneertown postmistress, in Lakewood, then to Los Angeles and Hollywood on business. Said, "I wanted to see 'How the other half lived'".

There was a happy family reunion at the Toal's. "Pee Wee's" sister Juliette Harris of New Orleans who spent her vacation here, and the brother, Captain Herman Harris of March Field with his family, all enjoyed a week in Pioneertown.

The Hugh Pendergraph's are spending several days soaking up our sunshine. Leave some for me, Podner!

Pierre David entertained the famous costumer, "Jack's of Hollywood" at the Gombell-Churchill home, along with the Carlille's of the Tropicana, largest night club in Havana, Cuba.

Caught — "Stuffing at the Stallion", Nan Christian and son, of Palm Springs, with Captain Frank Applegate of Twentynine Palms, and did they ever look gorged and gorgeous!

Also at the Stallion, The Noble William's, — and they tell me they are taking a ninety-day vacation. Just how rich and lucky can you get! Noble sold his 4½ year old Noble & Johnny's garage in Morongo and they are going to Montana to "live it up." Bon Voyage, Y'all!

I am sorry to report that, "SHEBA", little heroine of De

Churchill's clever book, "On All Fours", had to be put to sleep, as is so frequent in life, just as fame was coming to her. All animal lovers, (and is there any other?) will sympathize with De and Minna.

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by The Mick

Mrs. William Ambach of Santa Ana—one of the original homesteaders behind Burnt Mountain, was a recent visitor of the La Ferneys, also "old timers". The conversational trend indicated that this desert "ain't what it used to be"; now that we have all "these here" modern conveniences such as water to drink. We'll take our "pioneering" as is, complete with paved highways and over-powered cars, if you please.

Beth Ann Patten, (not much bigger than a minute), is about to ride her palomino "Pat" from Burnt Mountain Stables to her new home in Rimrock. Linda Marshall will also make the ride to provide company. Quite a little jaunt for "Peanuts", but she's a bit of an athlete so we'll bet she'll take it in stride.

Yucca Valley Cub Scouts had a day at the Burnt Mountain Pool, which is getting quite a play these days.

There was a church group from Pomona which spent Saturday at the Ranch.

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Jerry and Billie Kindseth of Bellflower, daughter and son-in-law of Al and Marian Furten and parents of Chuck and Pam who have lately been "in charge" of the Furten's Broken Happy Ranch, are spending a few days visiting their folks, (and kids). These youngsters have been "having a ball" from early till late in the pool or skating when not aboard their horses, "Pogo" and "Ginger". This schedule has temporarily changed, at least to some extent, due to Chuck, while grooming "Pogo", got his bare left foot under "Pogo's" right hoof. Nothing serious, Pogo hardly noticed any ill effects, but Chuck is temporarily "grounded".

Otto Schmidt, a top bracket diver, put on quite an exhibition of fancy diving at the pool, aided and abetted by his wife, Sunday. We understand they are attending the convention at Mentalphysics.

Maudie Landgram, Burnt Mountain Trailer Park, left Saturday night for Burbank to be with her daughter who is "expecting". Godspeed to Maudie, her daughter and the "latest edition".

Yucca Valley Horse Owners Assn. had their pot luck dinner. Their Big Bear ride is slated for Labor Day. Their next scheduled meeting,

July 18, is to include swimming, eating, skating and volleyball in what order remains to be seen. (One way to beat the heat is to ignore it,—but it takes a bit of doin'.")

The property Owners League of Yucca Valley, 45 in attendance, held forth at the patio aft of Marge and Larry's of Desert Martini fame, Saturday evening with Mr. Harold Brown presiding.

Current items of interest to the community were intelligently discussed and plans. Curb-ing on the south side of the "main drag" for a couple of blocks, with black-top from curb to curb, and street lights, will be concrete result of this meeting. Sounds simple—but "try it on your piccolo" sometime. These people are to be congratulated for "taking the bull by the horns". TV also came in for discussion. It seems we'll move heaven and earth to get those commercials loud and clear.

Sampson's Friendly Motel had among their guests this weekend the Nelson family, of Temple City. Lou & Nancy are as smooth a "sister" musical act as has been our pleasure to "catch". These young ladies have been at it since their childhood and to say they are accomplished is an understatement. They have electronic guitars that run some sort of gamut. Pop Nelson doubles as prop man and engineer and Mrs. Nelson proudly "soaks up" the end product. These kids write music and lyrics, and with all this electronic assistance can sing "real sweet". We mean they don't have to "beat it out" as in days of yore.

"Safari" is an instrumental,—"Prayer for Love" and "Ebony Eyes" are duets. Their compositions sound well above the average popular ditty to us, and we don't mean to condemn with faint praise either. (Who are we to double as critics?) Lawrence Walk's nationally famous outfit would be a spot for them. We wish them every success—so long as they don't have to develop claws to attain it.

The sisters, and they actually are just that, appeared at Sam's Character Room in 29 Palms.

We'll be hearing them in the future on Radio and TV.

The first meeting of Equestrian Trials Inc., was held Saturday evening at Sampson's—out in the patio by the pool. A nucleus of about 20 interested folks, including Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kenny, discussed a Horse Play-Day, featuring such as "broom polo" and ring spearing etc. Bill Brohamer suggested the Burnt Mountain Arena as a site. Plans are being made for a near future date.

A warning was sounded regarding the future need for riding trails as the desert develops.

Mr. Sampson has offered the use of one of his buildings to house the "Pony Express News", an organ which has been a column in 35 papers for the past ten years. Its function has been and will be that of a news service pertaining to horse shows, rodeos, parades and other horsey items. A Bulletin Board will be maintained as a means of aiding those interested in locating events, dates, folks and gear. More of this later, as it reaches its stride.

We were pleasantly surprised Sunday, by the visit of Harry and Erna De Camp and their young 'uns, Dennis, (not the Menace), and Deirdre, all the way from Andover, New Jersey. We worked with Harry in the days past and had many a "belly laugh", the days were short and we got the job done. Sometimes who one works with

is of greater importance than for whom one works. The kids had a swim, and a jeep tour of the boondocks wrapped it up. Could be they'll be back. Harry was surprised that our water was not brackish. Leave it to a plumber to zero in on the water supply.

MARION WEIR PASSES

Marion Weir, of Morongo Valley, passed away quietly, on Thursday, June 20. Marion was loved by all those who knew her. She was a devoted member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Yucca Valley Unit No. 469. Also active in church work, having been soloist in the Christian Science Society of Yucca Valley.

Marion is survived by her husband, Al, and sister-in-law, Marge Harlan, both of Morongo Valley.

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Yucca Mesa Notes . .

By Larry Asmus

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Bertha Boldman just returned from a visit with her daughter in Eagle Rock.

The Ed Malia's have returned from a visit to their daughter's, in Garden Grove.

Myrtle Hudgens has returned from a trip to the city, where she has been taking care of a sick aunt. Her grandson, Raymond, is staying with her. Myrtle is one of our permanent residents.

Ann and Jerry Leptien entertained guests from Denver, Colorado.

Don and Jenny Kelly entertained unexpected guests from Riverside.

It looks like the Frosts are making some improvements on their cabin. Harry and Pearl have lived out here a long time now.

Speaking of improvements, this area has so many cabins now that about all that can be done is improve on what is already here.

It looks like section 20 will have water pretty quick. There is a large pile of pipe down at the water tank in Paradise Valley.

There has been a lot of electrical work done up here lately. We are hoping to have electricity before long.

Bill Piper had an attack recently and was pretty sick for a few days. He is feeling better now, but still has to take it pretty easy. Bill and Bess are also old timers out here.

The Ennens have moved their trailer out. They had it out here until they had their cabin far enough along to live in. Mrs. Ennens had quite a bad fall while working on the cabin, which set them back several weeks.

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Yucca Valley School will be active on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 1, of which the hours from 10 to 12 will be reserved for arts and crafts. Outdoor games and play will occupy the rest of the time.

The same program will be carried out at Joshua Tree on the same days, Hours from 4 to 8 p.m.

The tentative program for swimming at 29 Palms on Tues-

day and Thursday will be as follows:

The bus, driven by Jesse Smith, leaves Morongo 8 a.m., Yucca Valley School 8:45, Joshua Tree Sportsmens Club 9:05. Arrive 29 Palms pool 9:45.

Swimming will stop at noon. Return to Joshua Tree 1 p.m., Yucca Valley 1:30, Morongo 2.

Pool charge 15c. Bring suits and towels. Swimming instructor in charge at all times. Let's go.

Western Hills Plans Are Set

Plans for the beautiful Western Hills Estates in Yucca Valley are moving ahead rapidly according to Luther H. Colvin, realtor.

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The Earl Deal Construction Company, will build the first home on the site for a Beverly Hills resident who plans on approximately 2500 sq. ft. with a swimming pool. Construction will start immediately upon loan approval by the Citizen Nat'l. Bank of 29 Palms. A second model home is on the drawing board at this time.

Western Hills Estates were developed by A. E. "Art" Miller of Omaha, Nebraska and Luther H. Colvin of Yucca Valley. The engineering for a second tract will be started immediately, and will include a Dude Ranch movie set for the Rex Allen, TV series of "Frontier Doctor". Rex Allen expects to reside in the valley part of the time.

Gleanings From My Father's Scrapbook

By Charlotte Kincaid

The almanac is one of the oldest books known. In the British Museum there is an Egyptian almanac gotten out in the year 1200 B.C. This almanac is written with red ink on papyrus, a species of Egyptian reed, the pith of which was used for paper making by the ancients.

In Ancient Greece and Rome, almanacs were not generally distributed because the information that they contained was only for the priests that got them out. Remains of almanacs of this period, engraved on stone tablets, have been found.

The first printed almanac was printed in 1457. The first almanac printed in America was issued in 1639.

Benjamin Franklin published Poor Richards almanac from 1728 to 1757. In it were recorded many of Franklin's wise sayings and the rich historical color of that era.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We present the following two letters as being, together, quite typical of the many comments we have received re the situation at Desert Christ Park. We do not wish to appear biased in the matter but, frankly, we have received none favoring the existing setup.—Ed.

To the Editor, Desert Star:

Thanks for your timely article re Christ Monument Park.

It is time that the good folks in this valley learn the truth, and I do know the facts. It is enough to say that "By their deeds ye shall know them".

Mr. Martin's deeds stand as an everlasting monument to his ability and devotion to the cause of peace and happiness to mankind. Can Mr. Garver match these deeds?

Mr. Garver has done a lot for us by promoting the park. Let him continue the good work by letting his conscience, not his ego, dictate his future intentions toward the unselfish, wonderful, labor and the public contributions that have paid for the material.

Our constant prayers will be that he will see fit to join with Mr. Story to make the park a perpetual gift to the public by contributing his mite, along with Mr. Martin's years of skillful labor to that end.

A shadow hangs over this valley today.

When the Lord said unto Moses "Let there be light" there was light. It is now up to Mr. Garver to be the Moses of this valley.

(Signed) JAMES A. SCOTT,
P. O. Box 143,
Yucca Valley

To the Desert Star:

Thanks to The Desert Star for its report on Desert Christ Park. And I believe I'm in position to put in a word. Last year I wrote an article about the Park which was published in Desert Magazine of October 1956 with my photographs of statues (not now in the same places) and brought responses from New York to Alaska. In this article I said that the Park occupied grounds: "dedicated to peace, tolerance and love . . . for permanent protection . . . the non-profit Desert Christ Park Corporation was formed with Garver deeding his five acres to it. Consequently the company maintains and operates the Park as a public service."

Those were my words and its too late to eat them. Imagine my embarrassment now at not telling the truth, and to many thousands of people! I spoke in good faith but a fact writer can't make any such excuse to an editor. When he states a thing as a fact it had better be one or his reputation for reliability is gone. We aren't allowed many "mistakes."

I have no patience with talk of "settling differences" between Martin and Garver or of a "disagreement." This is community buck-passing of responsibility concerning the Park. The stage of disagreement between the two men was ended when Martin brought the situation into the open for handling by a committee whose efforts, by the way, have been singularly unheard-of. The continuing and very serious disagreement is with the public of the 48 states. These thousands have contributed money (as have our home folks) to a Park under the representation that it was organized as I have stated, and operated as a non-profit public trust. The fact that they were misled is a matter of some magnitude and not a mere "disagreement" between Martin and Garver.

Not being a lawyer I will put this next thought in form of a question: Is there some reason

why a contributor could not bring legal action when he finds out that he has paid for the enhancement of a private property under the misrepresentation that it was a non-profit corporation? I'm just asking. But taking money under the familiar legal term known as "false pretenses" can be awkward. If it hapened via U.S. mail I wouldn't need to ask.

The situation may have been a private matter between Martin and Garver in the first place but it is not so now and neither is qualified to participate further in clarifying it. The community of Yucca Valley is suddenly a party to and responsible for deeds and/or misdeeds of the Park in its public relations with the outside world. Our town will have to reorganize the Park or long be known as one which allowed it to fail. People will come for years to see it whether it exists or not. Time is the essence. It always takes longer for good news to replace the bad.

HOWARD D. CLARK

WEDDING AT CHAPEL

Mrs. Erma Louise Pearce became the bride of John David Geeson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Geeson of Morongo Valley. Mrs. Pearce is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Krofft also of Morongo Valley.

The single ring ceremony was held in Desert Christ Chapel at 9 p.m. on Monday night June 17, 1957. Rev. Eddie Garver read the marriage vows with Nancy Garver accompanying Mrs. Opal

Hodges, soloist.

Reed Martine was best man and Ethel Griffin matron of honor. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Krofft and small daughter of

Mrs. Pearce attended. Miss La Von Hodges also of Morongo Valley attended.

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Races will be open to all single engine post-war civil air-

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There will be trophies, merchandise prizes and certificates awarded winners in the race. An overnight stay at the fabulous Hacienda in Las Vegas, Nevada and breakfast at the Copper Room in Yucca Valley are added attractions.

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Yucca Valley Notes

By Charlotte Kincaid

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Alf and Mr. John Sulie, old friends from Los Angeles, were house guests of Charlotte Kincaid on Sioux Trail, the early part of last week.

Later guests in the week were Mrs. Ruby Dobesh of Inglewood, an artist friend and Miss Rosemarie Botha of Cape Town, South Africa.

Miss Botha, a school teacher of Cape Town, is at present lecturing in the states on religious sciences.

A sighting of flying disks were witnessed by Mrs. Dobesh, Miss Botha and their hostess over the Wagon Wheel Ranch where they had gone to visit Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Longyear, who were not at home at the time.

The coppery hued disks moved swiftly, one above the other and with a slight rotating movement they disappeared in a thick haze that had settled over the mountains. Vapor trails did not accompany the objects and there were definitely no sounds of jets or a plane.

The time was around 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 13. The ranch is located on Sherman Road just off of the Twentynine Palms highway.

Electricians Visit High Desert

An outstanding event of the weekend was a pot luck picnic at the desert home of Mr. and Mrs. Adam L. Hanson, in Section 2, Sunday, when the MacFarlane Electric Company of Santa Ana, enjoyed a trip to the High Desert.

Eleven guests arrived Saturday and there was an outdoor dinner served from the barbecue. Friends and relatives from the valley came in for the evening when pictures of recent trips were shown on the patio.

On Sunday morning, thirty-one guests arrived to join the party and a picnic chicken dinner was enjoyed.

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Will Martin of Monrovia is visiting for a month at the home of his brother, Ben G. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Primo Rodriguez drove up from Los Angeles, Saturday, bringing their picnic lunch and all prepared to enjoy a day on the high desert and a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Westcott were weekend visitors in Santa Monica.

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